

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## UK ADEQUACY STATUS RELATED TO BREXIT

Dear Valued Clients,

Ahead of any final outcome of Brexit negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union, and in accordance with Article 11(2) of the Data Protection Law, DIFC Law No. 1 of 2007 (the "DP Law"), the DIFC Commissioner of Data Protection has approved retaining current <u>adequacy status</u> of the UK for transfers of personal data outside of the DIFC.

This has been determined primarily because the UK will retain its own version of the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in addition to the UK Data Protection Act of 2018. UK lawmakers have also arranged for bridging amendments known as the Exit Regulations to ensure that the present adequate personal data protection regime remains intact post-Brexit. Uninterrupted adequacy recognition of the UK will ease the administrative burden on DIFC businesses, particularly those transferring personal data to the UK, regarding compliance obligations under Articles 11 and 12 of the DP Law.

As a reminder, general guidance on a variety of topics is available on the DIFC website.

For any questions or comments, please contact the Commissioner of Data Protection.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and alignment with regulatory developments.